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From: Commanding Officer, Officer Candidates School

To: The Families and Friends of Charlie Company

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Encl: (1) Temporary Lodging List

(2) Marine Corps Base Quantico Map

1. The following information is provided to assist all family members and friends planning to attend the Officer Candidates School Family Orientation, Graduation and Awards Parade, and Commissioning Ceremony.

a. Charlie Company will hold Family Orientation at 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, December 14, 2006, at Yeckel Hall.

b. The Graduation and Awards Parade will begin at 9:00 a.m. on Friday, December 15, 2006, at Brown Field.

c. Due to the current renovation to Little Hall, the Commissioning Ceremony for OCC candidates will be held at Yeckel Hall located at OCS. The ceremony will begin at 2:00 p.m. on Friday, December 15, 2006. Due to seating limitations, we apologize in advance for the inconvenience this may cause, as we may have to limit guests at the actual ceremony. Family and guests are invited to attend their candidate's "Pinning Ceremony" immediately following the formal ceremony.

2. Family Orientation

a. OCS will show a short film about Marine Corps Officer training programs during family orientation. The Commanding Officer, Officer Candidates School, will provide guests with a brief overview of officer candidate training and offer the audience an opportunity to ask questions about the Marine Corps and Officer Candidates School.

b. Parking directly in front of Yeckel Hall is extremely limited; therefore, guests are encouraged to arrive early. There is additional parking on Brown Field and is within a short walking distance from Yeckel Hall. Officer Candidates School will provide parking guides.

c. Upon conclusion of Family Orientation, candidates and their families will travel to The Clubs of Quantico via bus for

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dinner and have the opportunity to meet with their company/platoon staff members. Attire for candidates and their guests is casual. Following Family Orientation, candidates will have off-base liberty, limited to the local area, until 8:00 p.m. that evening.

d. The Clubs of Quantico will offer a buffet meal from 3:30-6:00 p.m. Tickets will be available at the door on the day of the meal; however, there may be a short wait for seating.

3. Graduation and Awards Parade

a. All vehicles entering Marine Corps Base Quantico are subject to search by Military Police and Military Police working dogs. Parking areas for relatives and guests will be available on the Officer Candidates School parade deck. OCS will post parking guides to direct traffic. If applicable, please display handicap or VIP license plate insignia. Morning traffic on the roads leading to Officer Candidates School can be heavy at times; therefore, guests should take extra care to ensure they arrive between 8:00-8:40 a.m. PLEASE ENSURE ALL CAR ALARM DEVICES ARE TURNED OFF.

b. VIP (ambassador, congressman, SES, O-6, GS-15, etc.) guests will have reserved seating in the reviewing stand. Candidates must notify their platoon staff of VIPs who plan to attend the parade. Ensure candidates provide the company staff with all VIP information as soon as possible. All other guests will have general seating in the bleachers.

c. Candidates must provide the names of those guests requiring special needs seating to the company staff as soon as possible.

d. Attire for military guests will be the working uniform and casual dress for civilians.

4. Commissioning Ceremony

a. The Commissioning Ceremony will take place at Yeckel Hall, and parking will be available throughout Officer Candidates School. OCS will post Marines along the route to direct all traffic to the parking areas.

b. Upon conclusion of the Commissioning Ceremony, the Yeckel Hall stage will be available for the families and friends to take photos and pin on their second lieutenant's rank insignia.

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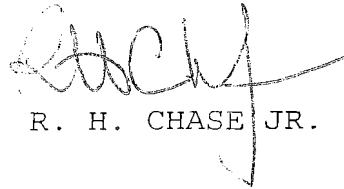
The National Colors will be on stage to provide a background.

5. Enclosed is a map of Marine Corps Base Quantico and a list of nearby lodging establishments. All lodging is adjacent to Interstate 95/US Route 1 and is within a 15-mile radius of

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Quantico. Room rates vary among the different establishments. To receive additional lodging and travel information for the Washington, D.C. area, contact the Washington Convention and Visitors Association, 1212 New York Ave., N.W. Washington, D.C. 20005, phone (202) 789-7000.

6. This information is also available on the OCS web page. The address is www.ocs.usmc.mil.



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